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Implementation of the Provisions of NPT Relating to Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Nuclear Disarmament and Security Assurances

The Chinese delegation hereby submits the following proposals for inclusion into the recommendation section of the report of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2000 NPT Review Conference:

1. To promote the smooth development of the disarmament process and safeguard world peace and security, all States Parties commit themselves to cultivate a new security concept in line with the need of the times. The core of such concept should be mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality and cooperation.

2. To ensure real progress in nuclear disarmament and reach the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world as early as possible, all States

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parties should strive to establish a just and fair new international political and economic order, renounce cold war mentality, firmly oppose and do away with hegemonism, power politics and the pursuit of absolute military superiority. All States Parties reaffirm to respect one anther' s sovereignty and territorial integrity, abide by the Charter of the United Nations and the norms governing international relations, oppose the use or threat of military force against other countries under any pretext, and never resort to military force in the international relations without the authorization from the United Nations Security Council.

3. To promote the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation objectives, it is imperative to adhere to the principle of maintaining global strategic stability and the principle of undiminished security for every country, as well as ensuring an international environment of peace, security, stability and trust favorable for the continued progress in nuclear disarmament.

4. All States Parties should refrain from engaging in the research or development of missile defense system, which could upset global and regional strategic stability and balance or trigger off a new round of arms race. All States Parties should also refrain from transferring missile defense technology and equipment to other countries, so as to prevent the proliferation of missile and missile technology that could deliver weapons of mass destruction. No State Party should use missile defense program to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, impair their sovereignty or threaten their security.

5. The prevention of nuclear weapon proliferation and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons are mutually complimentary and promotive. The thorough destruction of nuclear weapons is the objective, and the prevention of nuclear weapon proliferation one of the effective means and necessary steps to attain this goal. In order to achieve the complete elimination of nuclear weapons so as to free the mankind forever from the threat of nuclear war,

--the relevant nuclear weapon States should renounce the nuclear deterrence policy characterized by " the first use of nuclear weapons" ;

--the U.S.A and the Russian Federation, bearing special responsibilities for nuclear disarmament, should continue to cut down drastically their respective nuclear arsenals;

--all the nuclear weapons deployed on foreign soil should be withdrawn to their owner' s territory;

--all the nuclear weapon States should, as soon as possible, undertake unconditionally and in a legally-binding manner not to be the first to use unclear weapons, nor use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon States. International legal instruments should be concluded to this effect;

--all States Parties and the whole international community should push for the early entry into force of CTBT in accordance with its provisions, the negotiation and conclusion of a universal and verifiable fissile material cut-off treaty as soon as possible, and on the basis of the above-mentioned measures, negotiations to conclude a convention completely banning all the nuclear weapons.